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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL (WYATT, WENDELL R, OREGON)

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1. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR FULLER INFORMATION RELATING TO CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL BEGINNING WITH THE CASE OF CONGRESSMAN WYATT. YOU HAVE, OF COURSE, IN HIS CASE PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE HELPFUL INFORMATION WHICH YOU SUMMARIZED IN REFTEL. I THINK THE MAIN POINT OF MY ORIGINAL REQUEST (TEHRAN 7190), HOWEVER, MAY NOT HAVE COME ACROSS QUITE AS CLEARLY AS I HAD HOPED. WHAT WE ARE SEEKING IS A MORE INTIMATE PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF OUR CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS. FOR EXAMPLE. IS THE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE, WHAT IS HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SUBJECT MATTER HE INTENDS TO LOOK INTO DURING HIS VISIT, WHAT IS HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD US POLICY IN THE COUNTRY CONCERNED, IS HE AN INDIVIDUAL THAT EXPECTS A VERY FULL OFFICIAL SCHEDULE INCLUDING SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS OR ONE THAT PREFERS A LIGHT SCHEDULE AND FREE EVENINGS. DOES THE PROSPECTIVE VISITOR HAVE SPECIAL INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF HIS OFFICIAL BUSINESS, I.E. PERSIAN CARPETS, HISTORICAL MONUMENTS, MEETING HOME STATE CONSTITUENTS AND SO FORTH.

2. VERY FRANKLY THE ABSENCE OF THIS KIND OF INFORMATION IN THE PAST HAS LED TO SOME UNFORTUNATE AND MISUNDERSTOOD ENCOUNTERS THAT

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HAVE SET BACK RATHER THAN ADVANCED OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS. WE

ASSUME THAT YOU WOULD AGREE THAT OUR PURPOSE SHOULD BE THE LATTER
AND THAT IS WHY WE THINK IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO HAVE THE
KIND OF INFORMATION DESCRIBED ABOVE IN ADDITION TO THE KIND THAT
HAS NORMALLY BEEN PROVIDED IN THE PAST.
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